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OUR COMMANDANT

Major Ernest Mines

The **Bayonet** dedicates this issue to Major Mines who has faithfully and unselfishly served the school for the past two years. Major Mines served 26 years in the United States Army as a Command Sergeant Major. He was assigned to Augusta from 1965 to 1968 as Senior Army Instructor of the cadet corps. He left AMA in 1968 because of the Vietnam War.

Major Mines is married and has two daughters and a son. His one daughter,

Kitty Saunders lives in Hot Springs, Va.; the second Robin Habner lives in Richmond; and his son, Pete Mines, is a student at VPI.

His aim has been to see the cadets take pride in their school and in themselves that they will become a good example of the discipline and education so it will reflect on Augusta. He has been a success in realizing this aim. He has done more for the school than any other individual in many

years. His aim has become a reality and it is with sincere regret that we announce that he will be leaving us this year for greener pastures. He has been a hard taskmaster but a fair one and in that what he does was for the good of AMA. Of him we just say: "A task Well Done" and to him we give our best thanks and wishes that the future will be as good to him as he has been to us and Augusta. A fond Farewell!



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Spring Sport Season

The spring sport season did give the participants lots of opportunity to show that they could stand up against their major opponents. In baseball, a miracle happened when AMA defeated Timberlake Christian Academy for the first baseball win in two years. Many games were close, but we lost. In varsity Lacrosse the team started the season with only five cadets who knew anything about Lacrosse, but they finally got together and put up a fine display. The tennis team also finally won two matches; one against Massanutten and Hargrave. The jay-vee Lacrosse team reappeared after an absence of seven years and ended the season with a strong nucleus for next year.

Parade To Honor Col. Lucus

Major Anderson, PSMT, announced that a parade will be held to honor Col. Herbert W. Lucus who will be retiring at the end of the present school term. Col. Lucus has been the head of the Junior School ever since he arrived at AMA. In his early days he, also, helped coach the wrestling team. He was in charge of the AMA Y.M.C.A. for many years. He is married and the father of three boys and one girl, all married. He, also, is a frequent giver of delicious cakes which have been auctioned off for the benefit of AMA activities.

Do You Know That . . .

In the old Stone Church down in the basement there is a walled-up part on the foundation that originally was the opening through which the early settlers of the church could go down to the Lilly Valley Creek to get water when the Indians were attacking Fort Defiance. The church was in early days a Fort -- a haven of rescue for the settlers when the roving bands of Indians attacked the settlers.

The late General Roller was voted the outstanding quarterback on the All-VMI football team, and is a member of the VMI Hall of Fame.

Support Our Merchants Who Helped Us

This issue has been made possible through the help of many interested people. At the south end of Verona is the Valley Greenhouse where one may buy flowers for every occasion. In Verona is the IGA where one can find every form of food that tickles the palate of every cadet. During the finals at AMA it would be appreciated if you were to drop in and see what a modern supermarket can be. If you turn left at the traffic light in Verona heading south and continue on for a couple of miles you will see the Econo Lodge where many of the parents of the AMA cadets stay while visiting their sons at the academy. Also, in Verona next to the cemetery is the FARMSTEAD Restaurant where family food rules the roost. They have a wonderful buffet every day of the week and on weekends. In Ft. Defiance is Bellewood Gas and Food Mart.

New SAI at AMA

Maj. Mark Anderson, the SAI at Augusta Military Academy is in his first year here after being the assistant professor to military science at VMI and Blue Ridge Community College where he served four years.

He has been in active service in the United States Army for the past twenty two years. He has served tours in Nom., Korea, Germany and Ethiopia.

Anderson arrived Feb. '81 and so far he has done a super job, including the great performance by the cadet corps during the annual Federal Inspection which was held in late April.

Maj. Anderson is looking forward to an even better year next year with an expansion of the Military department, which will include such things as repelling, spelunking and overnight camping trips.

With these improvements Augusta and the Military Department is real really on the up swing.

Alumni Weekend

AMA alumni held their annual get-together at AMA May 9 and 10. Friday evening a picnic supper was held at Col. and Mrs. M. H. Livick's home, White Hall. Saturday morning Founder's Day was celebrated with the ceremony in Old Stone Church Cemetery honoring the founder of Augusta along with those who followed him in the administration of AMA. Following, the election of officers was held and Dave Conrad was chosen to lead the alumni for the coming year. At this meeting the proposed sale of Augusta to the Alumni Association was discussed. In the afternoon the annual Lacrosse game between the alumni and the AMA varsity was played. The outcome was in favor of the alumni for the second time in twenty-five years. In the evening the annual supper and dance was held. During this affair \$350 was collected to help outfit the newly resurrected Jayvee Lacrosse team. Sunday morning the alumni inspected the barracks and finished the day with a brunch in the academy mess hall.

Col. Neimier Talks

Col. Neimier's first year as superintendent of AMA has been an experience. Along with all his accomplishment, he is trying to establish an honor court by introducing cadets to the disciplinary hearing board.

He has, also, stated that the corps could have a bit more leadership from within and he believes that the corps is the school. Pride is a key factor in re-establishing the prestige of the name of Augusta Military Academy.

He has requested to the board of trustees to remodel 90 rooms, which will consist of all the rooms that are currently being used. This can only be accomplished with the cooperation of the board of trustees and the alumni association.

The next improvements projected for next year will depend on the willingness of each cadet to express responsibility for himself and for his friends.

Good Luck to Class of '81

Mr. & Mrs. Edward Cash
Mr. & Mrs. Earl Eastman

Mr. & Mrs. Hugh S. Gwin
Mr. & Mrs. Murry H. Fain

Mrs. Carolyn N. Logan

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Did You Know . . .

The late Charles S. Roller I, had three sons and one daughter, Tom, Charles and William and Maggie Belle Roller Robinson. Col. Tom was the headmaster, Col. Charles the military commandant, Dr. William, the school doctor and Maggie Belle Roller Robinson the only girl ever to graduate from Augusta.

In the barracks if you will look at the south side you will upon counting find that there are six pillars and if you look at the north side there are five pillars. If you know the reason for this Col. Hoover will award you a dozen doughnuts.

There was once at the south side of barracks where now is sink #4, an electric elevator which was used to haul freight and luggage to the second and third stoops. To alleviate congestion the metal staircases were built on the west side.

AMA was for many years heated by coal and there was a huge coal pile which was used for penalty. 100 coal meant 100 wheelbarrows of coal taken over next to the huge furnaces.

AMA Alumnus Obtains Computer

Duke Fancher, an alumnus of AMA, was instrumental in obtaining an IBM M 3 computer for his alma mater. Duke works for the Washington Post and through his many contacts in and around Washington discovered a well known business concern who were purchasing a new computer and were glad to give the old one to Augusta. It is a modern business computer which will be of great value to Augusta. It uses Fortran method of programming and can be used in many ways: storing of academic records, the keeping of business records, scheduling of classes, budget methods. In fact, anything connected to the running of a business such as Augusta, etc.

Did you know that . . .

Just as you enter the Augusta Stone Church cemetery on the right you will find Headmaster's Row. The first stone you will see honors the second headmaster of AMA, Col. Herbert D. Deane who was with Augusta from 1921 until his retirement in 1964.

Col. Deane taught English and coached football and swimming. His many teams brought champions to Augusta.

The next plot below the Deanes is the resting place of Col. J. Cyrus McCue, Jr. who succeeded Col. Deane as Headmaster in 1964 and held this post until 1969 when he died. Col. McCue was a graduate of AMA and the University of Virginia. At AMA he taught math and science and also coached boxing for many years. His team had many champions in this sport.

Back in the forties Gene Kline sponsored through the **Bayonet** an annual Pin-Up dance which was held until the late sixties. He also was the editor of the **Bayonet** in which a mythical character who represented the typical AMA cadet who continually got into trouble. He told how he rescued himself from many unexpected difficulties. We also had with the same staff a cadet - who was an expert in writing living poetry.

Mrs. Etta Canavet

Mrs. Canavet, the school nurse has been so since 1956. She is also one of the most unsung heroes at AMA.

She lives on campus 24 hours a day and keeps the doors open all the while.

Mrs. Canavet, whom you could almost call an alumnus of the school, had two sons who attended AMA and one which went on to graduate in '63.

John Canavet after graduation at AMA went on to finish at West Point on a ROTC scholarship. After graduation he enlisted in the U.S. Army and upon retirement there was commissioned a full Colonel.

Rodger Canavet, John's younger brother, also attended AMA and also entered the army. He now owns 2 restaurants in Harrisonburg.

Mrs. Canavet also has a daughter who is married and now lives in Costa Rica.

And now to fill you in a little on Mrs. Canavet herself. She is a RN who attended UVA and Eastern Mennonite College where she received degrees from each institution. During the summer and on Sunday night she fills her schedule to the maximum when she works at Kings' Daughters Hospital. God Bless Her!

New Mess Hall Director

After spending 23 years as a marine, Jim Brynt returned and started working for Marquis Service on July of '79. He was the evening chief and assistant manager to Don Montgomery. After spending one year and half on this job he became the food director of Augusta Military Academy.

It has been an enjoyable experience for him, working with young people and getting to know and talk with them. Having five (5) children of his own, he can learn from other children and take what they have to say.

This effort by Jim Brynt could not be accomplished without the help of Joe Flesher, Fred Downey, Mike Brynt, Bertha Veney and Mal Livick. Mr. Brynt and the mess hall staff would like to wish the class of '81 the best of luck in the future.

Parents Day at AMA

Spring Parents Day, 1981 was held by AMA on Saturday the 25th of April. A buffet luncheon for the cadets and their families was served in the mess hall, followed by the drill exhibitions, by the junior and senior Roller Rifles. Final drill competitions were held on the parade field with B company sweeping the awards, winning cups as best drilled, best platoon, and best squad. Following the formal parade and presentation of awards, parents and guests were honored at a reception in the dining hall.

Later that evening the annual spring formal was to begin with the traditional figure for the graduating class of 1981.

Captain Hill and the Band

Captain Hill, our Band Instructor, and also, alumnus of the class of '51, is in his third year at AMA and is enjoying it very much.

The band has improved more and more each year under the tutorage of Captain Hill in the areas of playing and organization. The big difference has been through the leadership of a strong cadet Captain Tony Beneventi, who has assisted Captain Hill in the development of the band.

Tony came to AMA a good trumpet player, but he has improved even more under the leadership of Captain Hill who attended the Shenandoah Conservatory of Music in Winchester, Va. Upon graduation he furthered his education to public school students. However, once being a cadet himself and a member of the AMA band, he feels it has helped him understand the band program and has helped him to work with the limited facilities at Augusta.

Captain Hill would also like to extend his gratefulness for the appreciation and help the cadets in the band have afforded him. He wished to express his appreciation to each member for his corporation and enthusiasm.

SPRING SPORT TEAMS



Baseball - top left-front row: Bonelly, Santana, Moore, Meek, Pichardo. Second row: Franklin, Harry, Smith, Christian, Top row: Clary, Williams



Tennis Team - low row: Donnelly, Torres, Berroa, Back row: Navarrom, Frias, Marte, Gonzales.



Varsity Lacrosse - lower row: Chulia, Beneventi, Hernandez, Second row: Kreson, Fain, Cash, Buchanan, Todd Livick, Third row: Logan, Casteneda, Nelson, Duchet, Dixon, Wandermerk, Catenada, Taylor Livick, Dawkins.



J.V. Lacrosse - lower row: Arrington, Colburn, Humphreys, Hodge, Huggett, Gwyn, Middle row: Barton, Barrias, Suarez, Molina, Ariste, Top row: Eastman, Shay, Melzer, Potter.

Did You Know . . .

Where the computer now stands was originally Maggie Belle Roller Robinson's dining room.

The school infirmary was built by the alumni association and Mrs. Etta Canavet has been school nurse since 1956. Her predecessors, Mrs. Annie Rumbo and Mrs. Florence now rest in old Stone Church Cemetery not too far from the Roller family plot.

What is now the Big Room was once the basketball court and had above it a circular track. Downstairs on one side was the auditorium and on the other side was classrooms.

Down below Hoover Hall there was once the swimming pool and bowling alley and later the chemistry lab.

Our Librarian, Mrs. Nance

Mrs. Mavis Nance, our librarian of one year, has worked at many different places. She started her career in Durham, N.C. as the librarian of an elementary school.

She was living in Raleigh, N.C., so instead of commuting to Durham each day, and because of her baby daughter, she changed school systems. She worked in the Wake County Schools as elementary librarian for three years.

After a few years of retirement to raise their daughter and become the mother of their second child, a son, she began work in Pittsylvania County schools in Virginia. During her period of retirement, her husband finished college and took a job with Burlington Industries.

She came to Waynesboro four years ago where she lives with her husband and two children, Russ and Amy. Russ, nine years old, is attending grade school, while his older sister, Amy, is in jr. high.

Mrs. Nance has enjoyed her first year at AMA very well and says she will miss all of the seniors who are leaving. "Much success, Guys, in the future."

An Editorial

A Salute and a Farewell. . .

These words are usually reserved for the commencement exercises, but we feel that they are appropriately usable with this special issue of the **Bayonet**.

We salute all of you at this time and we trust that there be no farewell with this **Bayonet**.

The special issue of the school paper and the resurrection of the Jayvee Lacrosse team are the answers to Col. Livick's request that such activities happen that may help add something to the decadent school spirit.

We want this paper to begin to set the standard for future editors to follow and to try to supersede.

We want each student to take pride in what he does individually and take pride in his alma mater and to do all each one can to help us to achieve and larger, better and an outstanding school.

The Jayvee Lacrosse team will help us to achieve these goals for they themselves will become champions in their own right, and in turn will help feed the Varsity Lacrosse team by providing experienced players so that the varsity may become a dominant factor in the sport of Lacrosse by beginning a winning tradition in 1982. This, in turn, will help attract football and basketball players to our school and with this entrance there will come good students and better all-around academic and athletic programs.

We realize that whatever is published in this issue has been thoroughly thought out before being placed in print. If one looks back in the long history of Augusta you will find that when we had good Lacrosse teams we also had better achievement in ACT, SAT, etc. and better athletic teams. Look ahead and history will repeat.

Athletic Honors

Since we have had no issue of the paper this year, we take this method of honoring all of the best in each sport. These are our choices as we saw them play in their favorite sport.

Football: Barnett, Logan, Todd Livick, Taylor Livick

Soccer: Chulia, Lanzilotti, and Molina

Basketball: Taylor Livick, Clary, Posey

Rifle: Humphries, Pichardo, Clark

Fencing: Dixon, Colburn, Hugett in foil, Beneventi, Logan Regan in epee, Humphries, Terkin, Frias in sabre

Tennis: Navarro, Marte, Torres

Baseball: Clary, Ernie Smith, Williams

Lacrosse: Taylor Livick, Todd Livick, Logan

Band, B Co., Win Honors

In Roanoke last Saturday the second platoon of B Co. and the AMA Band took part in the 100th Anniversary Parade of the founding of the American Red Cross.

The two units of the AMA ROTC came away with three cups: one for the best military band, a second for the best drill unit and the third for the organization coming the longest distance. The three cups now reside in the Trophy Case in the Front arch.

In the Poultry Parade in Harrisonburg the AMA Band placed second.

Commencement Program

1981

FRIDAY, MAY 29

- 3:00 p.m.—Junior Roller Rifles Drill Exhibition
- 3:30 p.m.—Exhibition Drill, Roller Rifles
- 4:30 p.m.—Sponsors' and Graduates' Parade
- 5:00 p.m.—Reception on Library Lawn for all Parents, Alumni,
Faculty, and Members of the Graduating Class
- 8:00 p.m.—Literary Society and Awards
Assembly *Memorial Gymnasium*
(Presentation of Academic and General Awards and
Honors)

SATURDAY, MAY 30

- 10:00 a.m.—Baccalaureate Service *Old Stone Presbyterian*
- 11:30 a.m.—Closing Exercises *Memorial Gymnasium*
Awarding of Diplomas
Valedictory Address
General Roller-Parker Ward Loyalty Trophy
Ad Astra Per Aspera
- 12:30 p.m.—Final Formation in Front of Barracks:
"Auld Lang Syne"

1981 Class Roll

Romulo Enrique Alvarado Anez *Merida, Venezuela*
James Earl Barnett, Jr. *Travelers Rest, South Carolina*
Anthony James Beneventi *Evanston, Illinois*
Billy Ramon Berroa Olmos *Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic*
Carlos Alberto Bonnelly ... *Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic*
John W. Buchannan *Reston, Virginia*
William Arthur Cash *Richmond, Virginia*
Reinaldo Jose Celis Ruiz *Merida, Venezuela*
Jorge Chulia Duran *Merida, Venezuela*
James Ernest Clark *Wilmington, North Carolina*
Richard James Clary *Newport News, Virginia*
Mortimer Melchor Echavarria
..... *Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic*

Murray Steven Fain *Spencer, Virginia*
Santiago Daniel Frias Canellas *Caracas, Venezuela*
Jorge Hernandez Santa Cruz
..... *Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic*
John William Humphreys *Panama City, Florida*
Cesar Manuel Jaimes *Caracas, Venezuela*
Giuseppe Mario Lanzellotti *Merida, Venezuela*
Todd Stephenson Livick *Fort Defiance, Virginia*
Danilo Jose Molina Arteaga *Merida, Venezuela*
Marco Antonio Paz Montes *Guatemala City, Guatemala*
Ricardo Tomas Pichardo Pena
..... *Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic*
Jorge Edgar Torres Barrera *Guatemala City, Guatemala*